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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated March 27, 2008, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on June 27, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks. This paper includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.